



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Annual Planning Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2013

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower

Third Floor Conference Room

1700 West Washington Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

Charles Brown, George Evanoff, Joy Grainger, Bernadine Hoffman, Diane Joens, Deborah Lavinsky, Teresa Lopez, Doyle Meredith (Secretary), Lisa O'Neill, Allison Perrin, Trudy Schuett, Tonya Watson, C.T. Wright (Chairman), Phyllis Antone, Eric Coleman, Cydney Demodica, Ted Evertsen, Tammy Frazee, Babak Nayeri, Cindy Saverino, Wayne Tormala, and Tiffany Yazzie

Council Members Absent

Becky Brimhall-Lepire (Vice-Chairman), and Anne Morrison

Council Staff Present

Berntari Crosby, Cathy De Lisa, and Kim Jennings

Guests Present and Signing In

Barbara Hill, Steve Laughary, Joyce Lopez, and Marlene Norris

Welcome, Introductions, Housekeeping Items

Council Chairman C.T. Wright called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. An extended welcome and introduction period followed.

Review & Approval of September 13, 2013 Minutes

Minutes from the September 13, 2013 GACA meeting were reviewed. *Doyle Meredith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Charles Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Purpose of the Meeting

Council Chairman Wright provided a review of the purpose, mission and responsibilities of the Council referencing the Council's By-Laws, Standing Committee description and sheet containing the mission of the Council and 2013 priorities for all the committees. Council Chairman Wright reminded members of the expectation of active participation in at least one committee. At the request of the Chairman, George Evanoff, Past Council Chairman provided a history on the development of the structure of the Council. Executive Director Cathy De Lisa outlined the process for developing priorities and reported that information received for 2014 priorities included not only committee input but also feedback from the Senior Action Days and the stakeholder survey. In lieu

of time constraints, Chairman Wright delayed the review of the sources for input received until the afternoon dialogue on prioritization of input received – agenda item VII. A copy of the Council's By-Laws, Standing Committee description and mission/2013 priority form as discussed are available for review at the Council on Aging office.

Council Liaison Reports on Agency's Planning & Priorities for 2014

Arizona Department of Economic Security /Division of Aging & Adult Services (DAAS) – Cindy Saverino and Tammy Frazee provided an update on the 2011-2014 State Plan on Aging linking the updates to the eight Aging 2020 goals contained in the State Plan. Ms. Saverino answered questions from the Council and described the process being used to collect input for the 2015-2018 State Plan on Aging. Ms. Frazee reported she would email a link to the State Plan to the Executive Director that could be forwarded to the Council members and Liaisons. A copy of the DAAS presentation is available at the Council on Aging office.

Area Agencies on Aging/Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging (Az4A) – no report received.

Arizona Department of Health Services – (ADHS) Dr. Babak Nayeri reported his department had participated in the focus groups conducted by DAAS as part of the State Plan work and that ADHS was working on an actionable blueprint for Healthy Aging utilizing input and expertise of the Statewide Advisory Board created for Arizona Health Aging – A-HA. According to Dr. Nayeri, the current work focuses on fall/injury prevention and chronic disease self -management programs.

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) – Jay Dunkleberger submitted a brief report by email that was shared with the members. A copy of the report is available at the Council on Aging office.

Attorney General's Office (AG) –Ted Evertsen reported on the work of TASA – Task Force Against Senior Abuse including the Crimes guidelines related to federal updates to the Elder Justice Act of 2009, the expansion of participation in the I Will Prevent Elder Abuse campaign, and education of first responders/law enforcement. According to Mr. Evertsen, the AG's office would be following legislation focused on regulation of nonmedical in-home caregivers and other ways to address concerns and build awareness of abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) – Cydney Demodica reported on the work being done through ten (10) task force groups for the strategic Highway Safety plan. According to Ms. Demodica, Task Force Six (6) includes older drivers and recommendations from this group will be shared with the Council.

Arizona Indian Council on Aging (AICOA) –Phyllis Antone provided a handout from the Inter tribal Council of Arizona, Inc... Area Agency on Aging, Region 8 that outlines three goals and objectives for 2014-2017. In addition, Ms. Antone reported the Council had been awarded the national conference which will be held September 2 – 6, 2013 at the Phoenix Civic Center. A copy of the handout provided by Ms. Antone is available through the Council on Aging office.

Arizona Department of Veterans' Services – Eric Coleman provided a brief update on plans for the Veterans Day weekend celebrations, the Tucson State Veterans Home, and the inclusion of 37

benefit counselors throughout the state to help with benefit eligibility including Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS) prior to application to the Veterans Administration. According to Mr. Coleman, electronic claims are helping expedite the process and helping to avoid lost paperwork.

Working Lunch

The group recessed at 12:05 pm to pick up a lunch and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

Recognition of Council Members “favorite memories”

Council members shared tributes to Mr. George Evanoff, Ms. Bernadine Hoffman and presented the two long-standing members with certificates of appreciation. The group expressed appreciation also to Ms. Anne Morrison whose term ends December 31, 2013 and was not able to attend the Annual Planning Meeting.

Review and Discussion of Committee’s September Meeting Input for 2014 Priorities

Executive Committee – Council Chairman Wright thanked all the members for their efforts and support of the eleven (11) Senior Action Day events and reported that the Executive Committee had briefly discussed the idea of holding stakeholder focus groups on even numbered years starting with 2014.

Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee (LPCC) – Ms. Bernadine Hoffman requested members review the input received from LPCC members in September found on the *Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee (LPCC) 2014 Priorities Brainstorming Session, September 12, 2013 Meeting* form.

Mature Workforce Committee (MWC) – In the absence of Ms. Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Council Chairman Wright requested members review the input received from MWC members on the *Mature Workforce Committee (MWC) 2014 Priorities Brainstorming Session, September 12, 2013 Meeting* form.

Social, Health & Alzheimer’s Committee (SHAC) – In the absence of Ms. Anne Morrison, Deborah Lavinsky requested members review the *Social, Health & Alzheimer’s Committee (SHAC) 2014 Priorities Brainstorming Session, September 12, 2013 Meeting* form.

Copies of the September 13, 2013 Draft Executive Committee minutes, *Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee (LPCC) 2014 Priorities Brainstorming Session, September 12, 2013 Meeting*, *Mature Workforce Committee (MWC) 2014 Priorities Brainstorming Session, September 12, 2013 Meeting*, and *Social, Health & Alzheimer’s Committee (SHAC) 2014 Priorities Brainstorming Session, September 12, 2013 Meeting* forms are available for review at the Council on Aging office.

Break – no break taken at this point on the agenda.

Dialogue on Prioritization of Input Received

As invited, Wayne Tormala facilitated a discussion on the development of Council priorities for 2014 that included considering where Senior Action Day top concerns would fall within committees. Following a lengthy and lively sharing by members, the group agreed by consensus to:

- Review the State Plan on Aging as part of their statutory responsibility

- Continue a focus on Alzheimer's disease as part of their statutory responsibility.
- Review and Revitalize the Council's committee work through a strategic process in 2014.
- Focus on Public Relations (PR) in 2014 once the Review and Revitalize has finished.

10 Minute Healthy Aging Exercise - was not conducted due to time limitations.

Drafting Priorities – as part of the review of input received from the committees and discussion of potential priorities for the group, by general consensus the group agreed to continue to have three working committees and invite legislators to the LPCC meeting in January 2014 to discuss Senior Action Day feedback and hear about potential legislation affecting older Arizonans.

The group recessed for five (5) minutes at 3:15 pm and reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

Review of Day 2 Agenda, Discussion and Feedback on Day 1

Council Chairman Wright asked the members to review the agenda for Day 2 and invited feedback on Day 1. The group discussed the challenge of considering all the input received yet focusing on a limited number of priorities and doing that work well.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Council Chairman C.T. Wright at 4:02 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for January; date and location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website: www.azgovernor.gov/gaca. These meetings are open to the public.